REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.21) mailed on March 15, 2005. Claims 1-3 and 11-24 have been cancelled. Claims 4-10, 25-36, and 37-56 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions.

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